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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Gary Abud, 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

- Worked with Grosse Pointe Public Schools K-12 teachers regularly on technology integration, project-based learning, instructional strategies, and standards-based grading
- Visited an 8th grade U.S. History class in Grosse Pointe to observe project-based learning in action. Students presented their projects on the constitutionality and history of the Affordable Care Act
- Led an after-school staff development workshop for the Warren Woods Tower High School (a Reward School) science department on Next Generation Science Standards and Modeling Instruction
- Led a full-day staff development for the South Lake High School science department on Next Generation Science Standards and Modeling Instruction
- Attended our district's New Teacher Discussion Group holiday breakfast
- Met with district administrators in Grosse Pointe to plan for instructional coaching, a technology bond, and educational technology goals for 2014
- Was interviewed on the Tony Trupiano radio show to discuss teacher evaluation and retention in Michigan
- Presented to the Grosse Pointe Library Society on educational technology
- Met with State Board member Richard Ziele to discuss the Next Generation Science Standards

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- Organized the Student Technology Showcase in Grosse Pointe where student teams participated in a "tech fair," exhibiting how they use technology to enhance learning
- Met with the Community Engagement Specialist for the Michigan Eye Bank to discuss strategies for engaging young people using social media in Michigan in the campaign for organ and tissue donation
- Moderated the statewide Teacher Leadership Challenge on my website and blog for Michigan teachers to connect and share ideas about education